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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-16 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/0256/06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the instant application.

I. Priority

The instant application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/07980, filed July 15, 2004 and claims benefit of a Foreign Application UNITED KINGDOM 0316546.1, filed July 15, 2003.

II. Restriction/Election

A. Election: Applicant's Response

Applicants' election without traverse of Group V in the reply filed on April 25, 2008 is acknowledged.

Subject matter not encompassed by elected Group V are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142 (b), as being drawn to nonelected inventions.

III. Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 1st paragraph

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The "organic residue" in variables R, R1 and R2 in claim 1 is not defined in the specification so as to know the

structures of the compounds that are included and/or excluded by the term. Therefore, the specification lacks adequate support for Claims 1-9 and 11-16.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are indefinite for the reasons set forth above under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Claims 1-9 and 11-16 contain the limitation that variable R in formula I represents an organic residue and R1 and R2 represent an organic residue. However, the "organic residue" of the compounds of Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are not clearly defined in the claims so as to know the metes and bounds of the claims. Therefore, the claims are indefinite.

Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 11-16, the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are indefinite for the reasons set forth above under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Claims 1-9 and 11-16 contain the limitation that variable R in formula I represents an organic residue and R1 and R2 represent an organic residue. However, the "organic residue" of the compounds of Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are not clearly defined in the claims so as to know the metes and bounds of the claims. Therefore, the claims are indefinite.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, claim 2 contains the limitation "having as structural feature a tetrazole ring, e.g. of formula (IV)" but it is unclear the subject matter that is being claimed by the instant claims because formula IV is only an example of what the structure could be.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "said angiotensin II receptor antagonists" and the claim depends on claim 1 but claim 1 mentions nothing about an angiotensin II receptor antagonist. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "a compound of formula IV b" and the claim depends on claim 1 but claim 1 mentions nothing about a compound of formula IV b. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

IV. *Objections*

Claim Objection-Non Elected Subject Matter

Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter.

To overcome this objection, Applicant should submit an amendment deleting the non-elected subject matter.

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an Abstract of the Disclosure.

In chemical patent abstracts for compounds or compositions, the general nature of the compound or composition should be given as well as its use, e.g., "The compounds are of the class of alkyl benzene sulfonyl ureas, useful as oral anti-diabetics." Exemplification of a species could be illustrative of members of the class. For processes, the type reaction, reagents and process conditions should be stated, generally illustrated by a single example unless variations are necessary.

Complete revision of the content of the abstract is required on a separate sheet.

The closest prior art is US 20040072886.

V. Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawquia Young whose telephone number is 571-272-9043. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph M^cKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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